**Queens Chapel U.M. Church**

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**“Being Filled With The Holy Spirit”**

Ephesians 5:18

“Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead,

be filled with the Holy Spirit”

There is only One True God that we worship. We are commanded to

1. Worship God in Spirit and in truth—John 4:24

 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

1. Worship God in the beauty of holiness—1 Chronicles 16:29

 “Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!”

The command in Ephesians 5:18

1. Is written to the entire church
2. This command is a conditional command
3. It requires all believers to continually be filled with the Holy Spirit on an ongoing basis

 There is a difference between the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

1. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit- John 14:17

 "The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

1. Holy Spirit will indwell every person that receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. We are not commanded to be indwelt by the Holy Spirit because the Spirit of God is a gift from God.

Acts 2:38

 “Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

1. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is permanent and unconditional
2. The Filling of the Spirit of God

1. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not permanent but conditional.
2. The word “Fill” means “to come under the control of”

How are we filled with God’s Spirit?

1. We are filled with God’s Spirit [under God’s control] as we continuously yield ourselves to:
2. Daily Scripture reading and study,
3. Prayer, meditating, fasting
4. Corporate worship, partaking of the Sacraments of the church
5. Serving others with our spiritual gifts and talents
6. Giving our financial resources for the work of the Kingdom

 When the church is under the influence of the Holy Spirit

1. We die to self—Galatians 2:20

 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

1. We walk in the Spirit—Galatians 5:16

 “…Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

1. We allow the Word to Live in our Hearts—Colossians 3:16

 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”